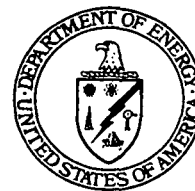




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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

EXTENSION REQUEST FOR RESPONDING TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT FINAL REMEDIAL ACTION DOCUMENTS PACKAGE FOR OPERABLE UNIT 1

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), in accordance with Section XII.G.6 of the Amended Consent Agreement, that the Department of Energy, Fernald Environmental Management Project (DOE-FEMP) intends to extend the time period for responding to the U.S. EPA and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) comments on the Waste Pits Remedial Action Project Draft Final Remedial Action (RA) Documents Package an additional 20 days.

In response to the comments provided by you based on your review of the Draft Final RA Package, a meeting was held on June 24, 1999, between DOE, Fluor Daniel Fernald, Inc. (FDF), International Technology Corporation (IT), and OEPA to discuss the issues/concerns embodied in those comments, and to discuss the planned path forward for addressing the comments and revising the package. In response to the discussions at that meeting, draft responses to comments have subsequently been developed by DOE and transmitted by facsimile to EPA on July 2, 1999, and July 9, 1999, for the U.S. EPA and OEPA comments, respectively. The extension of time to the comment period is necessary to ensure that the agreements reached at this meeting are appropriately reflected in the response to comments and in the Final RA Package.

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Based on the June 16, 1999, transmittal date of the U.S. EPA comments to DOE, the Final RA Package and the Response to Comments, would need to be submitted to the agencies by July 16, 1999. By invoking this 20-day extension, the Response to Comment Document and the Final RA Package are due to the EPA by August 5, 1999.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Dave Lojek at (513) 648-3127.

Sincerely,



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